



Provider – Lesson 1

Memory Verse: Exodus 14:13a “But Moses told the people, ‘Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today.’”

Key Point: God provides for his people!

Bible Verse: Exodus 1–2:10

SCHEDULE:

Center Time

around 10 minutes

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Big Group Time (optional)

Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures on the board (personal or pocket chart) in sequential order.
- Key Point
- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Video (optional)

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.
- Hangman: play hangman using key points or parts of the story.

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Five Finger Gospel (optional)

LESSON:

This is a story from Exodus in the Bible (1). The Israelites are slaves in Egypt under Pharaoh. They aren't free to do anything they want to do, they are treated poorly, and they could not worship God the way God wants them to. Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, gets very worried about God's people: the Israelites. **Pharaoh is afraid of the Israelites' population growth** (2). **He is afraid they will take over Egypt** (3) because there are so many of them. So **Pharaoh tells the Israelites that all their baby boys have to be thrown into the Nile River** (4), but the baby girls can live!

Moses' mother hides him for three months (5) after he is born because he is a Hebrew boy. When she can no longer hide him, **she makes a basket** and covers it in mud and sticky tar. She **lays Moses in the basket and puts it by the river's edge** (6). Moses' sister stays close by to see what will happen to baby Moses.

When **Pharaoh's daughter** comes to the river with her maidens to take a bath, she **sees the basket by the river** (7). She sends her maidens to get it, and when she opens it, she sees Moses in the basket. She knows Moses is one of the Hebrew babies, but **she decides to keep him and raise him as her own** (8) child.

When **Moses' sister** sees that Pharaoh's daughter is going to keep Moses, she runs out and **offers to get a Hebrew nurse for the baby** (9). Pharaoh's daughter says, "Yes, go!" So Moses' sister goes to get Moses' mother. Then **Pharaoh's daughter says to Moses' mother, "Take this child and nurse him for me, and I will pay you** (10)." So Moses gets to be with his own mother. When he grows older, Moses' mother takes him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he becomes her son.

God knows that one day he is going to use Moses to help God's people. God knows what we need and he will provide. We can trust him. We do not need to be afraid.

Key Point: God provides for his people!

Review Questions

Group A	Group B
Is Pharaoh glad the Israelites are growing? (no)	Who hides Moses when he is first born? (His mother.)
How many months does Moses' mom hide him? (3)	What does Moses' mother do when she can no longer hide him? (Put him in a basket and set him at the edge of the river.)
Does Pharaoh find Moses in the basket? (no)	Who finds Moses? (Pharaoh's daughter.)
Was Moses saved out of the river? (yes)	Who takes care of Moses and protects him? (God.)
Who nurses Moses for Pharaoh's daughter? (his mom)	How does God protect and provide for you? (Allow answers.)